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In Re Appln of: Robert Filepp et al.

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Serial No.: 08/158,029

Examiner: Wayne Amsbury

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Title: METHOD FOR LOCATING APPLICATION RECORDS
IN AN INTERACTIVE-SERVICE DATABASE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 19, 1995, finally rejecting the claims currently pending in the above referenced application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in their application, and their application be reconsidered in light of those amendments and the remarks presented below and in their appeal brief filed herewith.

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In the Claims:

Rewrite Claim 6 as follows:

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6. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the records to be searched for and retrieved are objects used in generating interactive applications associated with an interactive service[, and wherein the applications are arranged to be generated from objects].

Rewrite Claim 11 as follows:

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11. (Twice Amended) A method of searching for and retrieving applications included as records in an interactive service database stored in a computer network, the network having a plurality of reception systems at which respective users can request and retrieve applications, and the applications being made up of objects collectively containing presentation data and program instructions, the method comprising the steps of:

a. preparing a plurality of tables, each table including keywords respectively referenced to application identifiers so that each establishes a predetermined subset search of the applications stored in the service database;

b. providing each table with a unique code designation;

c. generating a table code designation in response to a query entered at the reception system for an application;

d. comparing the table code designation generated with the available table code designation to select a table suited to the query; and

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e. providing the table at the reception system at which the query was entered so that the requested application may be identified from the table and so that the application may be retrieved at the reception system where the query was entered[; and

f. Processing the table identified applications at the reception system where the query was entered].

Rewrite Claim 13 as follows:

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13. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 12 wherein generating the table code [identifiers] designations includes receiving a query for [applications] an application produced using one of a plurality of different procedures and translating the query produced using one of the different procedures into a single procedure common to all procedures for generating the table code designations, the table code designations each including one or more letters in combination to uniquely identify a table.

Rewrite Claim 15 as follows:

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15. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein the processing of table identified applications includes collecting at the reception system the objects which make up [the] an application [that are] derived by using [the] an identified table, and executing the objects so as to present the [corresponding text and graphic data for review] the application at the reception system.

REMARKS

In the Official Action dated January 19, 1995, the Examiner finally rejected Applicants' pending claims as amended on various grounds under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of U.S. patent 4,429,385, Cichelli et al. Additionally, the Examiner objected to Applicants' disclosure because of noted "informalities" concerning Claim 11.

More specifically, and with regard to Claim 11, the Examiner objected to Claim 11 at line 4 because of the improper grammatical number for the word "system."

In view of the Examiner's objection, Applicants have submitted an amendment to correct the number of the word "system."

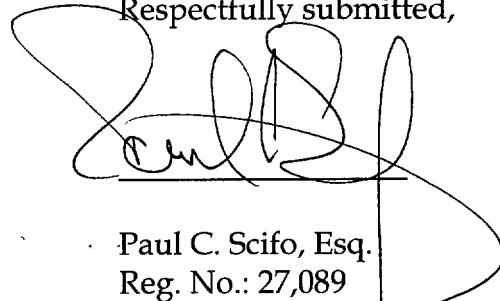
Regarding, the Examiner's rejection of Applicants' pending claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, Applicants have prepared amendments to further clarify Claims 6, 11, 13 and 15 and the claims which depend from them. No new matter has been added.

With regard to the Examiner's rejections of Applicants' claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of Cichelli et al., Applicants would respectfully submit that in view of the noted amendments and for the reasons more fully developed in their accompanying appeal brief, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference, those rejections have either been rendered moot, or are without foundation in fact and law and accordingly, all the rejections must be withdrawn.

Therefore, in view of the proceeding remarks, Applicants would respectfully submit that issuance of a final rejection in their application was premature, and, accordingly, Applicants, request that the final rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn. Further, Applicants would respectfully submit that in view of the noted amendments to the pending claims and the above-noted remarks as well as those presented in their appeal brief filed herewith, that their invention as now claimed is in proper form and patentably distinguished from the cited art, and Applicants request that their application be reconsidered and that a patent be granted for their invention.

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Respectfully submitted,



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